

# Calvinism

## A Brief Introduction



# Let's talk Huldrych Zwingli first

Reformation started in **Switzerland** with Zwingli in 1518. He made clear his belief in freedom from the control of the Roman hierarchy.

Held before the general council at Zürich in 1523; Zwingli presented his doctrines in 67 theses.

Organs were destroyed, images were removed from churches, priests were allowed to marry, monasticism was abolished, the liturgy was simplified, and the sacrament of communion reduced to a commemorative feast.

# Let's talk Zwingli first

Zwingli was killed in a battle.

The Reformation in Switzerland passed into the hands of John Calvin.

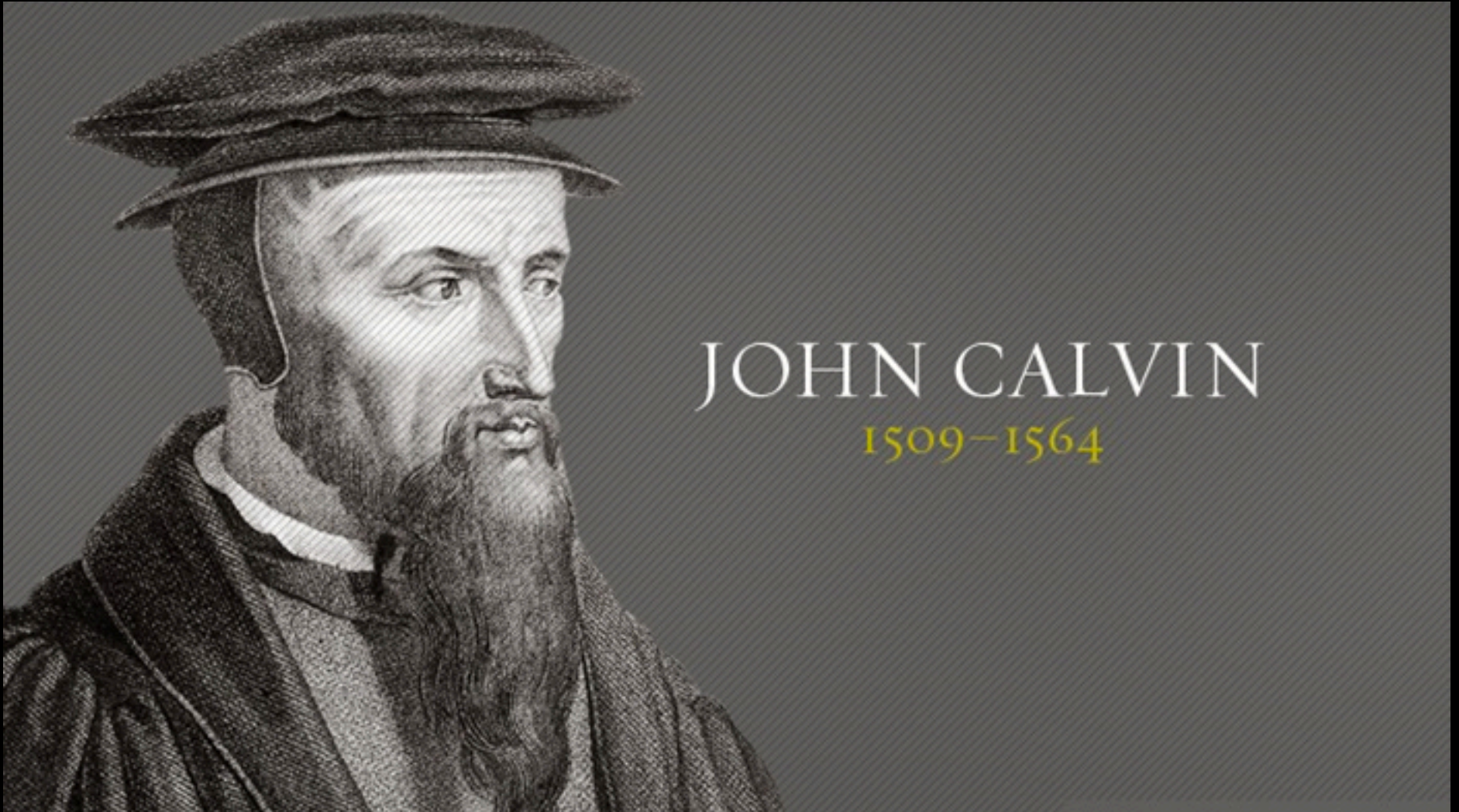
Calvin built his comprehensive theological system partly on the groundwork laid by Zwingli.

## ZWINGLI





**Geneva, Switzerland became a theocratic state.  
Called Calvin's Geneva**





**We can do nothing  
unless by a  
supernatural  
grace of God  
It is God who  
gives the will  
It is God who  
gives the power**



JOHN CALVIN





# RADICAL REFORMER

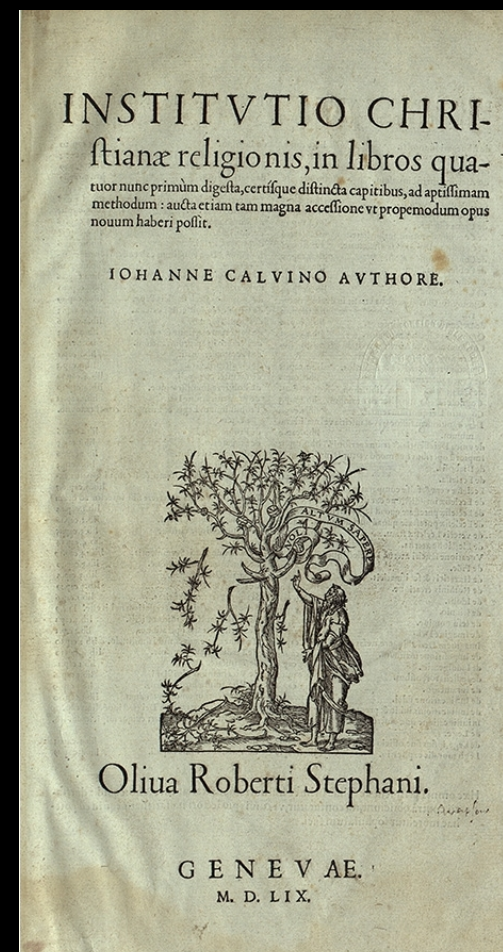
John Calvin's doctrines  
didn't modify Catholicism –  
they took an entirely  
different direction.



# *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

John Calvin's work of

## SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY





# SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

The FOUNDATION of Calvin's Theology

# PREDESTINATION

God controls all. Including you.

# THE ELECT

Salvation is God's choice – not yours



~~FREE~~

~~WILL~~

Incompatible with God's Sovereignty

# The “Five Points” of Calvinist Theology

**TOTAL DEPRAVITY**  
*of human beings*

**UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION**  
*God's mercy alone*

**LIMITED ATONEMENT**  
*Only for the Elect*

**IRRESISTIBLE GRACE**  
*Resistance is futile*

**PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS**  
*You can't do anything to lose election*



There is

NOTHING

you can do



# ICONOCLASM

Removal of Statues & Paintings from Churches



# LOOTING OF CHURCHES IN LYON (1562)





# struction of Religious Icons in Zur








Interior of the Oude kerk in Amsterdam (south nave), by Emanuel de Witte



# PLAIN CLOTHES

Fashion is a  
sign of vanity.





Presbyterians  
(John Knox)

Puritans  
Separatists

Huguenots

# Calvinism Outside Switzerland

*Calvinists became  
visible minorities in  
France, England,  
and Scotland.*

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